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NO. 494 MEETING OF THE

REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Thursday, February 7, 2008
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

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February 2008

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ACRONYMS & AGENCY ABBREVIATIONS

AB1246	BILL ESTABLISHING FOUR-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS AND SCAG CONVENED MEETING PROCESS SET FORTH AT PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE §130059
ABAG	ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
ADR	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
APCD	AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
AQ	AIR QUALITY
AQMD	AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AQMP	AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMPO	ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ARB	AIR RESOURCES BOARD (State)
ASPA	AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
ATAC	AVIATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATIS	ADVANCED TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM
ATMS/ ATCS	AUTOMATIC TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS
AVCCOG	ARROYO VERDUGO CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AVO	AVERAGE VEHICLE OCCUPANCY
AVR	AVERAGE VEHICLE RIDERSHIP
BA#1	BUDGET AMENDMENT #1
BIA	BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
BLM	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (Federal)
BSNF	BURLING NORTHERN SANTA FE
BT&H	BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
CalEPA	CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CAA	CLEAN AIR ACT (Federal)
CALCOG	CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS
CALFED	CALIFORNIA FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
CARB	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD
CALTRANS	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CATIS	CALIFORNIA ADVANCED TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM
CBD	CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
CCAA	CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR ACT (SHER BILL) STATS 1988, CH. 1568
CEC	CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
CEEP	CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP
CEHD	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SCAG)
CEQA	CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
CETAP	COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTABLILITY PROCESS (RIVERSIDE COUNTY)
CMAQ	CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY FUNDS (ISTEA)
CMP	CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN
CO	CARBON MONOXIDE
COG	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CPG	CONSOLIDATE PLANNING GRANT
CR	CONTINUING RESOLUTION
CSAC	CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
CTA	CALIFORNIA TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION
CTC	CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CVAG	COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
CVO	CENTRAL VALLEY OPERATIONS
CVP	CENTRAL VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

DBE	DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
DBELO	DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LIAISON OFFICER
DLAE	DISTRICT LOCAL ASSISTANCE ENGINEER
DOE	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (Federal)
DOF	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (State)
DOT	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
EDD	EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (State)
EEC	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (SCAG)
EIR	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (State)
EIS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (Federal)
ELMT	ELECTRO-MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY
EMFAC	EMISSION FACTOR
EPA	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
FAA	FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
FEMA	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION
FFGA	FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT
FHWA	FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FIP	FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (Air Quality)
FPPC	FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
FRA	FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
FTA	FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
FTIP	FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GA	GENERAL ASSEMBLY
GAP	GROUND ACCESS PLAN
GCCOG	GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GIS	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

GMAC	GOODS MOVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCAG)
GO21	GROWTH OPTIONS FOR THE 21 ST CENTURY
HBRR	HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM
HCD	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (State)
HHS	DEPARMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Federal)
HOT	HIGH OCCUPANCY TOLL
HOV	HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE
HSST	HIGH SPEED SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
HUD	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Federal)
IEUA	INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
IGR	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW (REPLACED A-95 REVIEW PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER #12.372 (1982) (SCAG))
IMPLAN	IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR PLANNING
IOS	INITIAL OPERATING SEGMENT
IPG	INTERMODAL PLANNING GRANT
ISD	INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SCAG)
ISTEA	INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT
ITI	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
ITIP	INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
ITS	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
IVAG	IMPERIAL VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
JPA	JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
LAFCO	LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
LACMTA	LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
LADOT	LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LAFCO	LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

LARTS	LOS ANGELES REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
LAWA	LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS
LCC	LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
LCV	LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
LEAGUE	LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
LEED	LEADERSHIP ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
LEWIS-PRESLEY	STATE STATUTE CREATING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) AND SCAG AIR QUALITY RESPONSIBILITIES
LOSSAN	LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY
LSTIP	LOCAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
LTF	LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND
LVMCOG	LAS VIRGENES/ MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MAGLEV	MAGNETIC LEVITATED (Train)
MAP	MILLION ANNUAL PASSENGERS
MDAB	METHODS DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION BRANCH
MEA	MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
MECS	MANUFACTURING ENERGY CONSUMPTION SURVEY
MOE	MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS
MOU	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MPO	METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MTA	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (L.A. County)
MTC	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (Bay Area)
NAAQS	NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS
NAFTA	NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
NARC	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

NEPA	NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
NHS	NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM
NIJC	NATIONAL INDIAN JUSTICE CENTER
NLC	NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES
NOP	NOTICE OF PREPARATION (Of an environmental document)
NPIAS	NATIONAL PLAN OF INTEGRATED AIRPORT SYSTEMS
NO_x	NITROGEN OXIDES
O_x	OZONE
OCCOG	ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OCTA	ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
OMB	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Federal)
ONT	ONTARIO AIRPORT
ONT GAP	ONTARIO AIRPORT GROUND ACCESS PLAN
OPR	OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (State)
OWP	OVERALL WORK PROGRAM
OWPA	OVERALL WORK PROGRAM AGREEMENT
PM-10	PARTICULATE MATTER 10
PMT	PERSON MATTER TRAVELED
POV	PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES
PPM	PARTS PER MILLIION
PRC	PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE
PUC	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (State)
RABA	REVIEW ALIGNED BUDGET AUTHORITY
RAC	REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (Inactive)
RC	REGIONAL COUNCIL (SCAG)

RCP&G	REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & GUIDE
RCTC	RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RFP	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR REASONABLE FURTHER PROGRESS (AQ)
RFQ	REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RHNA	REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
RME	REGIONAL MOBILITY ELEMENT (SCAG)
ROG	REACTIVE ORGANIC GASES (Air Pollutants)
ROD	RECORD OF DECISION
ROW	RIGHT OF WAY
RPO	REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RSPA	RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
RSTP	REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
RTA	RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY
RTAC	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES' COALITION
RTIP	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
RTP	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
RTPA	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
RWQCB	REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SACOG	SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SAFETEALU	SAFE ACCOUNTABLE FLEXIBLE EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT
SANBAG	SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS
SANDAG	SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SBCCOG	SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SBIA	SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SCAB	SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

SCAQMD	SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCAQMP	SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
SCAAB	SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN
SCHWMA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
SCIA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SCRRA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
SEDAB	SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN
SEIR	SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SGVCOG	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SHOPP	STATE HIGHWAY OPERATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM
SIB	STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
SIP	STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
SP&R	STATE PLANNING AND RESEARCH
SPMRP	SERVICE PLANNING MARKET RESEARCH PROGRAM
S RTP	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
SSA	SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
SSAB	SALTON SEA AIR BASIN
STP	SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ISTEA)
STIP	STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
STP	SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
SWP	STATE WATER PROJECT
SWRCB	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
TAC	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TCA	TRANSPORATION CORRIDOR AGENCY
TCC	TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (SCAG)

TCM	TRANSPORTATION CONTROL MEASURE
TCRP	TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM
TDA	TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT
TDM	TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT
TE	TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
TEA-3	TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT
TEA-21	TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21 ST CENTURY
TEU	TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNIT
TIFIA	TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE & INNOVATION ACT
TIP	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
TMA	TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
TMDL	TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD
TOD	TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
TRIS	TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH INFORMATION SERVICES
TTAP	TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CENTER
UPRR	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
UPSP	UNION PACIFIC/SOUTHERN PACIFIC
UPWP	UNITED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
US DOT	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VAPCD	VENTURA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
VCTC	VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
VCOG	VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
VMT	VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
WRCOG	WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
208	EPA WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Gary Ovitt, President)

- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Council, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Executive Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The President may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

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| 3.1.1 | <u>Minutes of January 3, 2008 Meeting</u> | Attachment | 1 |
| 3.1.2 | <u>Amendments of SCAG Conflict of Interest Code</u> | Attachment | 8 |
| 3.1.3 | <u>Charter of the Personnel Committee</u> | Attachment | 15 |

3.2 Receive & File Items

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| 3.2.1 | <u>Amendment, Contracts/Purchase Orders, between \$5,000- \$250,000</u> | Attachment | 17 |
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4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 4.1 Committee Appointments

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Executive Committee Report
(Hon. Gary Ovitt, Chair)

- 5.1.1 Ratification of Performance Agreement
/Salary Compensation of Executive Director

Recommended Action: Approve

“Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee”

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6.2	<u>Administration Committee Report</u> (Hon. Ron Loveridge, Chair)	
6.2.1	<u>OWP Progress Report</u> Recommended Action: Receive and File	
6.2.2	<u>Fulbright & Jaworski Contract</u> Recommended Action: Authorize amendment to Fulbright and Jaworski's contract to increase contract amount by \$150,000 for FY 2007-08.	Attachment 21
6.2.3	<u>Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency For Toxic Substances and Disease Public Health Conference Grant Support Application</u> Information Only	Attachment 22
6.3	<u>Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report</u> (Hon. Jon Edney, Chair)	
6.4	<u>Energy & Environment Committee Report (EEC)</u> (Hon. Debbie Cook, Chair)	
6.4.1	<u>Development of Statewide Consensus on Funding and Support of Blueprint Planning</u> Recommended Action: Approve further development of a statewide policy consensus.	Attachment 24
6.4.2	<u>Water Bond Planning Funds: Implementing Legislation</u> Recommended Action: Authorize legislative efforts to seek water bond planning funds.	Attachment 25
6.5	<u>Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC)</u> (Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair)	
6.6	<u>Membership & Communications Subcommittee</u> (Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair)	

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7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Hasan Ikhata*)

8.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- 8.1 Overview and Presentation on Draft Proposals for SB 375 Attachment 27
(*Jeff Dunn, Leg Affairs*)

An update on recent activities related to SB 375 and Prop 1B will be presented for discussion.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff.

- 8.2 Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds Increasing Regional Share Attachment 30
(*Jeff Dunn, Leg Affairs*)

Recommended Action: Authorize letter from the region to the Governor and lawmakers to increase Prop 1B funds for the region.

- 8.3 Update on Legislative Program Activities
(*Jeff Dunn, Leg Affairs*)

An update on activities related to the State and Federal Legislative Program will be presented for discussion.

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 2008 RTP Growth Forecast Attachment 34
(*Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director*)

An update will be presented regarding recent developments and comments related to the RTP Growth Forecasts.



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10.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A closed session will be held only if necessary to report significant developments or to take required actions.

10.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG;
City of Palmdale v. SCAG

10.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation Significant exposure to litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9 (b):
Two potential cases

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any committee member desiring to place item on a future agenda may make such a request.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on March 6, 2008 in downtown Los Angeles.



NO. 493
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 3, 2008
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order First Vice President Richard Dixon, Councilmember, city of Lake Forest. There was a quorum.

Members Present

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Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Dixon called the meeting to order.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jose Andrade, private citizen presented comments regarding MAGLEV project vs. Electric high-speed rail.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.4 and 3.1.8 were pulled. A motion was made (Edney) to approve the remaining consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of Dec. 6, 2007 Meeting

It was noted that Councilmember Troy Edgar attended the December meeting.

3.1.2 Central Orange County Corridor Study

3.1.3 Harbor Subdivision Alternatives Analysis

3.1.5 Caltrans Planning Grant Applications

3.1.6 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Grant Application

3.1.7 Charter of the District Evaluation Subcommittee

3.1.9 Use of General Funds for SIP White Paper

3.1.10 Letter to Amend High Speed Rail Legislation

3.2 **Receive & File**

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report

3.2.3 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

3.2.4 FY 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Items Pulled

3.1.4 Executive Committee's Legislative Responsibilities – Procedures

On December 6, 2007 it was determined that the Executive Committee would serve as the Legislative Committee. Councilmember Aldinger expressed concerns regarding the Executive Committee serving as a legislative committee. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that a legislative committee be created as a separate committee. In addition it was also recommended that the Executive Committee be authorized to take immediate action on legislative matters if the need should arise.

A motion was made (Aldinger) approving the appointment of a Legislative Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.8 Guidance for Sponsorship Requests

Councilmember Wapner stated that the Administration Committee approved an additional \$5,000 to be used for USC and Metrans.

A motion was made (Wapner) to approve the additional funding. Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4.1 Committee Appointments

Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, was appointed to the CEHD committee.

5.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

5.1 Bond Funding Update

Don Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs, stated that Proposition 1B provided for \$2 billion statewide in a Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The measure provides that these funds be allocated by the legislature.

During the fall of 2007 the California Transportation Commission (CTC) was directed by Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to adopt a program for goods movement priorities to enable the Administration to include a proposal as part of the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget proposal. The CTC adopted its Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) guidelines on November 27, 2007, which means the proposal will probably be added in the Governor's May revision to the budget.

The CTC proposes an additional \$1 billion to come from the State Highway Account and other potential new funding sources.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report was emailed to the Regional Council. No oral report was given.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Executive Committee Report

7.1.1 Executive Search

Vice President Dixon announced that after completing an extensive national recruiting effort, Hasan Ikhata was selected as Executive Director of SCAG.

A motion was made (Young) ratifying the selection of Hasan Ikhata as Executive Director of SCAG effective immediately, and authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate an employment contract with Mr. Ikhata. Motion was seconded (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Councilmember Dixon also announced that Mr. Ikhata agreed to work in the new position as Executive Director without a contract while negotiations are underway. The Executive Committee will present the contract for ratification by the Regional Council at the February meeting.

7.2 Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

There was no report.

7.3 Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

7.3.1 Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) creating the So. California High-Speed Transport Authority

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve the JPA creating the California High-Speed Transport Authority with a proviso that a letter be sent to the JPA requesting that the San Gabriel COG be included as a non-voting member. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.4 Administration Committee Report

There was no report.

7.5 Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)

7.5.1 Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure and Growth Planning Policy and Strategy

Motion was made (Cook) to approve in concept the draft policy paper for public distribution and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and ABSTAINED (Lowe). The motion was approved.

7.6 Membership & Communications Subcommittee

Councilmember Glen Becerra, Chair, reported that several Regional Council and policy committee members have registered for the 2008 Regional Leadership Academy. Councilmember Becerra stated that space is still available for members interested in attending upcoming classes. Members were asked to recruit within their respective jurisdictions as well as encourage participation of the program.

Five days of classes are planned for the first session scheduled for February 8th. The classes are tentatively scheduled to be held on the campus of USC.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no report.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No closed session was held.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

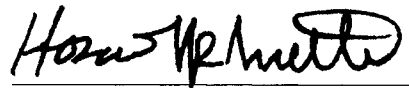
There were no announcements.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on February 7, 2008
in downtown Los Angeles.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhrata", written over a horizontal line.

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Regional Council
Administration Committee

FROM: Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel
(213)236-1920; Block@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration Committee: Recommend that the Regional Council approve the attached, proposed amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code.

Regional Council: Approve the attached, proposed amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code.

BACKGROUND:

At its November 2007 meeting, the Regional Council approved release of proposed amendments to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conflict of Interest Code (Code) for a 45-day comment period. The comment period has now closed, and no comments were received. At this time, legal staff requests that the Regional Council provide final approval of the attached, Conflict of Interest Code amendments.

Pursuant to the state Political Reform Act, Cal. Gov. Code §81000 et seq., SCAG periodically reviews its Conflict of Interest Code and determines whether the Code must be amended. All public officials holding designated positions on the Code are required to file annual statement of economic interest forms (Form 700) to disclose certain investments, income, interests in real property and business positions.

SCAG legal counsel reviewed the agency's current Code, and determined that substantive amendments to the Code are required. These amendments (a strikeout version is attached) would primarily add new designated filers that make or participate in making governmental decisions; delete positions that no longer exist at SCAG; and add one new disclosure category.

Specifically, legal staff recommends adding voting members of the Policy Committees (TCC, EEC, and CEHD Committees) to the Code, since the Policy Committees make policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters within each respective committee's jurisdiction, pursuant to authority provided under the SCAG Bylaws, Article V-A(7)(a); and thus make governmental decisions under applicable Fair Political Practices Commission regulations and guidance.

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Furthermore, these amendments would add to the Code all positions in the agency that have “Manager” in the title, and add the position of Business Operations Supervisor, based on current job classification information provided by the Human Resources staff. Finally, the Code amendments would add a new disclosure category narrowly tailored to apply to the newly added Business Operations Supervisor position.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Legal staff costs associated with this matter are captured in Work Element Number 08-880.SCGS1.


Attachments:

- 1) “Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments,” with the attached **strikeout (redlined) version of the Appendix, “Proposed Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments;”** and
- 2) “Explanations of Proposed Substantive Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments.”

Reviewed by:

Division Manager

Reviewed by:



Department Director

Reviewed by:



Chief Financial Officer

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

The Political Reform Act, Cal. Govt. Code §§81000 et seq., requires state and local governments to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 C.C.R. §18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, and which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 C.C.R. §18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Upon receipt of the statements of economic interests of the General Assembly members, Regional Council members, Policy Committee members, and the Executive Director, the agency shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

All other designated officials shall file their statements of economic interests with the Southern California Association of Governments, which will then make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction under Cal. Gov. Code §81008, and will retain the original of these statements.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Appendix

Designated Employee Officials	Disclosure
General Assembly Members	1
Regional Council Members	
Policy Committee on Transportation and Communications (TCC) Members*	
Policy Committee on Energy and Environment (EEC) Members*	
Policy Committee on Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Members*	
Executive Director	1
Deputy Executive Director	
Chief Financial Officer	
Chief Counsel/ Director of Legal Services	
Deputy Legal Counsel	
Director of Government and Public Affairs	
Director of Planning and Policy	
Director of Information Services	
General Counsel	
Manager of Finance	
Internal Auditor	1
Manager of Government and Public Affairs _____	
Manager of Special Projects	
Supervising Human Resources Officer	
Manager of Accounting	
Manager of Budgets & Grants	
Manager of Contracts	
Manager of Human Resources	
Manager of Community Development	
Manager of Environmental Planning	
Manager of Transportation Planning/Programming	
Manager of Legislative Affairs	
Manager of Member Relations	
Manager of Communications	
Manager of Program Development and Evaluation	
Manager of Data and GIS	
Manager of Information Technology	
Manager of Modeling	
Business Operations Supervisor	2
Consultant**	1

Amendments to 2004 SCAG Conflict of Interest Code
February 7, 2008

Disclosure Categories

1. ~~1.~~ **A designated employee in this category must report All investments, interests in real property, ~~sources of income, and business positions~~ all interests in real property, as well as investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments.**
2. **A designated employee in this category must report investments in and income, including gifts, loans and travel payments from individuals and entities of the type that supply equipment, materials or services to SCAG.**

*** Ex-Officio (non-voting) members of the Policy Committees serve in a solely advisory capacity and are not deemed designated officials under the code.**

**** Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees ~~officials~~ and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitation:**

The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that are limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based on that description, a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements. The Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner as this conflict of interest code.

**EXPLANATIONS OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

1. Addition and designation of members of the TCC, EEC, and CEHD Policy Committees (“Policy Committees”). Pursuant to the SCAG Bylaws, the Policy Committees make policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters within each respective committee’s jurisdiction.
2. Addition and designation of the “Director of Government and Public Affairs.” Responsibilities of this position include making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding development and implementation of the Regional Council's policies and projects in the areas of public participation, stakeholder partnerships, relationship development, and cooperation and collaboration among contiguous regional planning agencies as well as state and federal agencies.
3. Deletion and redesignation of the “Manager of Finance” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Accounting.”
4. Deletion and redesignation of the “Manager of Government and Public Affairs” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Legislative Affairs.”
5. Deletion of the “Manager of Special Projects” position, which no longer exists as a result of a reorganization decision by the Executive Director approximately two years ago.
6. Deletion and redesignation of the “Supervising Human Resources Officer” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Human Resources.”
7. Addition and designation of the following Manager Positions, as a result of agency reorganizations during the past few years and based on current job classification information provided by the Human Resources division:

- Manager of Human Resources
- Manager of Budgets and Grants
- Manager of Contracts
- Manager of Community Development
- Manager of Environmental Planning
- Manager of Transportation Planning/Programming
- Manager of Communications
- Manager of Legislative Affairs
- Manager of Member Relations
- Manager of Program Development and Evaluation

Manager of Data and GIS
Manager of Information Technology
Manager of Modeling

All positions within the agency that have “Manager” in the title are responsible for a division of each department and have responsibilities that include recommending and administering policies and procedures within each department’s policies; developing and recommending the annual division budget; administering the division budget; and overseeing and managing consultant projects and services.

8. Addition and designation of the “Business Operations Supervisor” position. This position is responsible for managing purchases for agency office equipment, furniture and supplies, and other purchases related to facility operations; and for managing consultant service contracts regarding office facilities and records storage and destruction.
9. Addition of disclosure category number 2. This disclosure category is narrowly tailored to apply to the newly added Business Operations Supervisor position.

Questions or comments regarding these proposed amendments should be addressed to:

Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel
Southern California Association of Governments
818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435
(213) 236-1920

REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Regional Council
Administration Committee

FROM: Richard Dixon, Chair, Personnel Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Charter of the Personnel Subcommittee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The respective members of the Personnel Subcommittee present at its December 13, 2007 meeting recommend that the Administration Committee and the Regional Council approve the Subcommittee's charter.

BACKGROUND:

Chair Loveridge of the Administration Committee has previously requested that subcommittees of the Administration Committee prepare charters for their respective group. The Personnel Subcommittee met on December 13, 2007 and reviewed and approved forwarding the charter on for approval. The subcommittee therefore requests that the Administration Committee and Regional Council approve the charter so as to make it the official charter of the Personnel Subcommittee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this matter.

Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE CHARTER

Purpose of the Subcommittee

To assist the Administration Committee and Regional Council in its oversight responsibilities for SCAG's human resources programs administration.

Authority

The Personnel Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Administration Committee and the Regional Council reporting to the Administration Committee and has authority to review and approve human resources programs such as the staff merit pay program, deferred compensation plans, revisions to the classification and compensation structure and staff salary ranges, staff recognition and reward programs.

Composition

The Personnel Subcommittee will consist of at least three members of the Regional Council Administration Committee and shall have a maximum of seven members. The Regional Council President will appoint Subcommittee members. The Subcommittee will select a Chairperson and Vice-Chair from amongst its members.

Meetings

The Subcommittee will normally meet at least four times per fiscal year, with authority to convene meetings, as circumstances require. All Subcommittee members are expected to attend each meeting. The Subcommittee will invite members of management or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, as necessary. Meeting agendas will be prepared and provided in advance to members, along with appropriate briefing materials in accordance with the Brown Act. Minutes of each meeting will be prepared.

Responsibilities

The Subcommittee will carry out the following responsibilities:

- receive regular reporting on deferred compensation plan fees, investments, participants, changes to plan document
- review and approve classification structure, salary ranges, compensation philosophy
- review and approve employee benefit plan improvements requiring board action (such as CalPERS plan changes, significant changes in employee benefit plans)
- review and approve staff recognition and rewards programs requiring general funds expenditures

MEMO

DATE: February 7, 2008
TO: Administration Committee and
Regional Council
FROM: Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Amendment, Contracts and Purchase Orders between \$5,000 - \$250,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Contract(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>PO Amount</u>
Bay Area Economics	Consultant will analyze and describe housing, mixed use, Blueprint oriented development and commute solutions for workers in the four Westside cities	\$147,190

SCAG executed the following Purchase Order(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>PO Purpose</u>	<u>PO Amount</u>
Tele Atlas No America	Annual license renewal street centerline	\$47,800
Gladstein, Neandross & Asso.	Sponsorship of FFCA 2008 Conf.	\$25,000
Regents of University of Calif.	Purchase of survey data	\$24,140
UCLA Extension Public Policy	Sponsorship of Public Policy Symposium	\$10,000
Data Processing Air Corp.	Maintenance agreement for computer room air conditioner	\$5,541
Daily Journal Corp.	Publication of public notice RTP Draft	\$5,101


FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Funding is available.

Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant:

Bay Area Economics

Scope:

The Westside Cities Workforce Housing Study is intended to be an in-depth analysis of issues and potential solutions to the challenge of housing workers near their place of work. Shortening commute distances and encouraging transit ridership bring numerous benefits to the region, including reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT), reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, and reduced traffic congestion. For individual households, living near one's place of work can also increase time for non-commute activities, and reduce household expenses.

The focus of the study will be on analyzing and describing housing, mixed use, Blueprint oriented development and commute solutions for workers in the four Westside cities, especially those workers that earn between 60 and 120 percent of Area Median Income (AMI). Very low income households (up to 60 percent of AMI) served by affordable rental housing programs will also be described for analytical purposes, but will not be the focus of research.

The study will involve data collection and analysis that will compile a complete profile of workforce households using various indicators including income distribution, occupation, and location by place of work and place of residence. The analysis will also include a review of all related background materials and studies including SCAG Compass 2% Area maps, prior housing summit presentations, and TOD strategies.

Using these findings, the Consultant will prepare up to five case studies of workforce housing initiatives in the Los Angeles region as well as throughout the nation. The case studies will be selected to highlight program initiatives, such as buyer assistance, and new unit production through partnerships. The Consultant will then prepare a profile these case studies in a draft memorandum and outline their outcomes and strategies. In addition to the case studies, the Consultant will recruit and facilitate two focus groups of area large employers and housing developers to gather further examine workforce housing strategies.

The Consultant will then identify development constraints and feasibility implications of the various strategies studied and discussed. To illustrate the financial challenges to develop workforce housing, the Consultant will develop up to five prototype housing project examples and prepare a sensitivity analysis for comparison among the four cities.

The Consultant will also provide an inventory of incentives and potential funding sources to meet the direct needs of large employers. This task will also include a discussion of existing workforce housing investment funds and other funding sources and strategies. They will also develop a detailed set of implementation strategy options customized each of the Westside Cities that will be organized according to special topics arising from research such as replicable strategies and reducing VMT. These findings along with strategy analysis and implementation options will be discussed in a final report and presentation.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$147,190
	Bay Area Economics (prime)	\$109,002
	Goldfarb & Lipman LLP (subcontractor)	\$38,188

Contract Period: January 4, 2008 through January 4, 2009

Work Element:	08-065.WSTC1	\$80,954	Funding Sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – FTA & In-Kind
	08-065.WSTC1	\$66,236	Funding Source: Consolidated Planning Grant – subject to approval of SCAG’s FY 08-09 budget

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff notified 472 firms of the release of RFP No. 08-006. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications’ website, the Planning Magazine’s website, and posted on SCAG’s bid management system. A total of 24 firms downloaded the RFP. The following two proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

Bay Area Economics (1 subcontractor)	\$147,190
Solimar Research Group (4 subcontractors)	\$148,462

Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the two proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with both offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Ma’Ayn Johnson, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG
 Liz Bar-El, Senior Planner, City of Santa Monica
 Peter Noonan, Associate Planner, City of Beverly Hills
 Francie Stefan, Senior Planner, City of West Hollywood
 Joe Mendevil, Associate Planner, City of Culver City
 Wilford Melton, Chief, Community Based Planning Branch, Caltrans

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommends Bay Area Economics for the contract award because of the firm's qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. Bay Area Economics is willing and able to meet the highly demanding requirements of this project within a very limited budget. They are committed to collecting the appropriate data and analyzing potential strategies as outlined in the scope of work. They will be able to do this since they have expertise in affordable and workforce housing economics and sustainable communities. Their survey approach of area large employers will create a replicable model of involvement and engagement with employers on crucial workforce housing issues.

Bay Area Economics has had significant experience with regional housing and economic development in the past and is very knowledgeable about key workforce housing issues facing the subregion. They have performed numerous studies that covered key issues such as transit-oriented development, inclusionary zoning, and affordable housing for a large number of municipalities, particularly the City of San Francisco, the City of San Jose, and the County of Santa Barbara. They have also won many awards for excellence for their projects from the American Planning Association of the Congress for New Urbanism. They are qualified to fulfill the overall objective of this study, which is to effectively define the issues, constraints, and opportunities for workforce housing in the Westside Cities subregion.

REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Executive Committee
Administration Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Joe Burton, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services, 213-236-1816, burton@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize amendment to the Fulbright & Jaworski contract to increase maximum amount payable by \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

BACKGROUND:

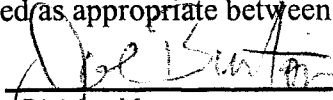
The Regional Council has previously authorized the retention of Fulbright & Jaworski and in particular, Colin Lennard, to serve as SCAG's General Counsel. Mr. Lennard has served as SCAG's General Counsel for over twenty years. Under the terms of the existing contract, which expires on June 30, 2008, Mr. Lennard or his designee provide legal services as requested by the Regional Council, the Executive Director and the Chief Counsel. All legal services performed by the Fulbright & Jaworski firm ("Fulbright") are billed at the blended rate of \$350 per hour, and the maximum amount payable under the contract is \$200,000.

Due to additional legal services that the Legal Department has determined will be undertaken by Fulbright for the remainder of the fiscal year, including those services associated with the draft RTP, the draft PEIR for the RTP and the RHNA litigation, it is necessary to increase the maximum contract amount payable for this fiscal year by \$150,000, to \$350,000 (last year's final contract amount was \$335,000). For example, given that Mr. Lennard assisted in the legal review of the draft PEIR for the RTP prior to its official release, it is intended that Mr. Lennard will also assist staff in the preparation of responses to comments relating to the draft PEIR for the RTP, especially those comments which are more legal in nature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the proposed contract amendment is available under FY 2007-2008 Budgets for Legal Services, and will be allocated as appropriate between the General Fund and Indirect Costs Fund.

Reviewed by:



Division Manager

Reviewed by:



Department Director

Reviewed by:



Chief Financial Officer

MEMO

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, 213-236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov

FROM: Sheryll Del Rosario, Associate Environmental Planner, 213-236-1879,
delrosar@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Public Health Conference Grant Support Application

BACKGROUND:

The U.S Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) have announced funding for the Public Health Conference Support Program. This program supports the "Healthy People 2010" initiative, a comprehensive set of disease prevention and health promotion objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. The overarching goals include the following: 1) Helping individuals of all ages increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life; and 2) Eliminating health disparities among different segments of the population.

The purpose of this funding program is to provide partial support for specific non-federal conferences in the areas of health-promotion and disease-prevention information and education programs and applied research. Funding support for the public health conferences include, but are not limited to, conferences related to the following environmental health topics:

- Health effects of hazardous substances in the environment
- Build Environment/Healthy Community Design
- Environmental Hazards and Health Effects
- Air Pollution and Respiratory Health
- Emergency Response to toxic and environmental disasters
- Emergency Preparedness and Response (e.g., chemical, radiological, global climate change)
- Environmental Health Communication, Marketing, Workforce Development and Policy Health Information Dissemination Methods: for example, training for key individuals in communication skills, printed materials, timely reporting of critical information, and effective interaction with the media
- Public Health Partnership/Relationship Development and Management: for example, development, implementation and evaluation of toolkits promoting partnerships at federal, state and community levels

The grant funds are awarded to States, local governments, public and private universities, non-profits, Indian Tribes, hospitals, and research institutions through a nationwide, competitive process. Only

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conferences planned to occur within the date range of May 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010 are eligible to apply under this announcement. It is expected that the average award range for a two-year project period will be between \$20,000 to \$100,000. At least 1% in-kind or cash match is required. Applications with more cash match will be more favorably considered.

Staff seeks to apply for up to \$100,000 in grant funds for funding support to hold public conferences relating to environmental health and air quality.

The letter of intent to apply for funding support is due February 8, 2008. The application is due March 3, 2008.

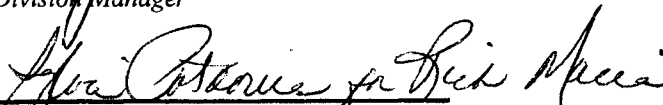
FISCAL IMPACT:

Awarded grant funds will be amended into the annual budget as appropriate.


Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer


REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Regional Council

FROM: Dan Griset, SCAG Staff
Justus Stewart, SCAG Staff

SUBJECT: Developing Statewide Consensus on Funding and Support of Blueprint Planning

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve for further development of a statewide policy consensus.

BACKGROUND:

This policy paper proposes a comprehensive planning framework that considers the various challenges associated with future growth, including the improvement of mobility and the sustainable management of environmental and community resources. This comprehensive planning framework (also known as regional Blueprint planning) additionally provides a new approach for allocation of state bond and other public monies, potentially assuring the region that its success in comprehensive planning will leverage substantial monies for project implementation. The planning approach proposed by this paper would depend on dedicated State funding for these local and regional planning efforts. With a framework in place, projects can be prioritized according to performance outcomes (not just project outputs) and benefits, and, in this process, better guide and attract public and private investments.

The planning proposals in this paper would benefit all of California's metro regions; however, in order for such an effort to succeed, it must be a consensus-driven effort, undertaken with partners from around the state. As part of SCAG's partnership efforts, this process will create a stakeholder base for statewide action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.


Reviewed by:


Division Manager

Reviewed by:


Department Director

Reviewed by:


Chief Financial Officer

REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Executive Committee
Regional Council
Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst, (213)-236-1880, dunn@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Water Bond Planning Funds: Implementing Legislation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize legislative efforts to seek water bond planning funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), at its January 3, 2008, meeting directed Government Affairs staff to ascertain potential legislative opportunities to secure water planning monies from the recently passed water bonds, where such funding exists and is available for integrated water planning.

Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, passed by the voters on November 7, 2006, provides a total allocation of bond funds in the amount of \$5.38B to preserve, protect and enhance California's water resources in the following areas: overall water quality; preservation of rivers, lakes, & streams; flood control; sustainable communities and climate change reduction; protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters; parks and natural education facilities; forest and wildlife conservation; and statewide water planning. Of the total \$5.38 billion, there is available an amount of \$65M statewide for planning future water needs, water conveyance systems, and flood control projects.

Implementing Legislation: Senate Bill (SB) 1XX - (Perata)

The implementing legislation for allocating Prop 84 bond funds in 2008 likely will be SB 1XX, introduced by Senate President Pro tem Don Perata (D – East Bay) in the second extraordinary session of the legislature addressing water policy on September 14, 2007.

As introduced, SB 1XX provides a total appropriation of \$610.9M of bond funds from Propositions 1E and 84, passed by voters in 2006, and Proposition 50, passed by voters in 2002. Of this amount, the total appropriation of Prop 84 bond funds is \$407.4M, and of that amount, \$47M (of a total available of \$65M) for statewide water planning by SB 1XX. The appropriations are as follows:

- \$50M to Department of Public Health (DPH) for small drinking water system improvements;
- \$50.4M to DPH to reduce/prevent groundwater contamination affecting drinking water;
- \$40M to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for planning grants and local groundwater assistance;
- \$50M to DWR to projects relocating existing Delta water intake facilities meeting specified criteria;
- \$160M to DWR to increase ability to respond to levee breaches and to preserve and protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta islands;
- \$10M to Santa Ana River Parkway projects;

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- \$47M (of the total \$65M of Prop 84 water planning funds) to DWR as follows:
 - \$12M to complete CalFed surface storage studies;
 - \$15M for planning/feasibility studies to optimize use of existing facilities and groundwater storage capacity;
 - \$10M to update the California Water Plan;
 - \$10M for planning/feasibility studies for projects to reduce ecosystem conflicts in the Delta.

Planning funds sought from this legislation would be used to support the kinds of comprehensive planning envisioned by the regional Blueprint Planning initiative promoted by the Department of Business, Transportation, and Housing and by Caltrans. SCAG's Blueprint planning tool is the Regional Comprehensive Plan, an ongoing effort that links mobility and infrastructure concerns with future growth impacts and related environmental sustainability and resource challenges. SCAG's blueprint process will foster greater integration of the planning now done in separate disciplines and jurisdictions throughout the region, eliminating costly duplications of effort. With this kind of planning integration, it is expected that the region and its project implementers will have greater leverage on future public investments (bonds and otherwise), and will attract higher levels of private partnership investments. Another result will be the delivery of projects with higher performance outcomes and with a wider array of public benefits, including improved regional mobility and livability. The planning funds sought from Prop 84 are extremely important in achieving these objectives.

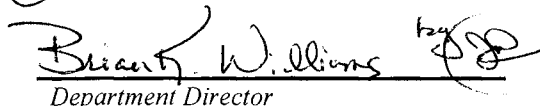
FISCAL IMPACT:

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DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Community, Economic & Human Development Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Jeff Dunn, Legislative Affairs, Extension 880 Dunn@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Overview and Presentation on Draft Proposals for SB 375

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review update draft proposals for SB 375 and provide direction and guidance to staff on further actions if any.

BACKGROUND:

SB 375 (Steinberg) would require, among other things that regional transportation plans for certain regions include a sustainable communities strategy (SCS) designed to achieve the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. Senator Steinberg's goal is to take the bill to the Assembly floor early in the session, perhaps in March.

The measure, which started out primarily as a CEQA reform bill, has undergone substantial changes. Senator Steinberg has said the objective of the bill now is to create a structure that will provide incentives for local governments to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals under AB 32 through regional planning efforts undertaken for transportation and housing. Thus, it is now primarily an AB 32 implementation bill for regional planning and for the transportation sector. Therefore, as a substantial follow-up bill to AB 32, Speaker Nunez' landmark greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction legislation, SB 375 enjoys the apparent support of the Speaker as well as a favorable overall political environment to GHG reducing legislation. The League of Cities has shifted from its prior stance in strong opposition to one of maintaining a central role in crafting a bill that will address the concerns of all stakeholders.

Local transportation commissions, however, have expressed significant concerns with the bill, stemming primarily from the bill's inclusion of a consistency requirement for transportation projects. As amended in the current version of SB 375, GC § 65080(2)(J) reads:

'Projects programmed for funding on or before December 31, 2011, are not required to be consistent with the sustainable communities strategy if they (i) are contained in 2007 or 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, (ii) are funded pursuant to Chapter 12.49 (commencing with Section 8879.20) of Division I of Title 2, or (iii) were specifically listed in a ballot measure prior to December 31, 2006, approving a sales tax increase for transportation projects.'

Many transportation commissions believe that this section by implication excludes all other projects in their pipelines from funding eligibility unless they are in compliance with the sustainable communities strategy as set forth in the bill. In addition to the specific language on pipeline projects, the CTCs believe the bill, by virtue of empowering ARB to set a GHG target, creates a quasi-conformity process.

The Regional Council has taken a “no position and work with the author” stance on the SB 375. SCAG is positioned to assist our regional transportation agencies in addressing their concerns as the bill moves through the legislative process in 2008.

Meetings have been organized by the League and others with the goal of bringing together a working group of interested parties to identify all the issues that have been raised about SB 375 and to resolve them. The League has inquired if there are more effective incentives than CEQA streamlining including density bonus, infill development financing, retooling how schools get funded, and further RHNA reform.

Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region have expressed concerns with the provisions of SB 375. As of this writing the state-wide working group on SB 375 has identified certain key remaining issues:

1. **Non-CEQA ISSUES.** The League drafted a set of amendments to the non-CEQA portions of the bill. One of the more interesting points discussed was whether the supplement to the SCS needed more definition or whether there was an advantage to leaving it undefined. The group generally agreed that the more definite language should be left in the proposed amendments for now. There was also discussion about the habitat and farmland definitions in the definition of significant resource areas.
2. **CEQA ISSUES.** The group is working on setting up meetings with interested parties including SCAG and other experts to discuss CEQA related issues.
3. **RHNA-RTP ISSUES.** The League will come back with language that will attempt to sync the RHNA and RTP processes. The idea is to use the same numbers for both planning processes. League staff suggested an 8 year RHNA planning period for non-attainment areas, which would sync with two RTP cycles. In addition, the draft would also include language that would reconcile competing siting priorities (GHG vs. fair share). This language would provide a starting point for the group discussion.
4. **ENCOURAGING INFILL.** One issue that SB 375 does not address is how to finance the infrastructure needs that will be related to an increased reliance on infill development. What are the fiscal and regulatory incentives necessary to encourage local governments to create infill opportunities that would be consistent with a regional SCS? Some ideas were floated (two suggestions included an Indirect Source Rule Fees on sprawl developments to fund infill and authorizing regions to adopt a small fee on cars (e.g. \$10) to finance the RHNA and infill planning efforts). The need for county infrastructure needs in non-growth areas was also discussed. There was agreement to set aside time at future meetings to discuss this issue in detail.

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Current steps that SCAG is undertaking in working with the SB 375 working group include: consulting the transportation commissions in the SCAG region on possible amendments; and obtaining input, based on previous Regional Council adopted positions, from SCAG transportation, modeling, legal, housing and environmental staff on CEQA, RHNA, definitional and other issues as a basis for suggested amendments. These suggestions, as they are formulated, will be brought before the Legislative Committee, CEHD and the Regional Council for review and approval.

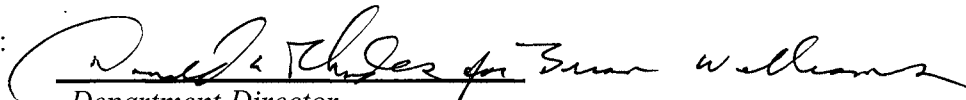
FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for activities related to SCAG's involvement the processing of SB 375 are contained in existing budgetary resources including 08-090, 08-810 and 08-800.

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DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Executive Committee
Regional Council

FROM: Jeffrey S. Dunn, Government Affairs Analyst, (213)-236-1880, dunn@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Proposition 1B Goods Movement Funds: Increasing Regional Share

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Approve the attached letter to the Governor and state lawmakers requesting an increased regional share of the Proposition 1B Goods Movements funds through the budget and legislative processes;
- 2) Authorize SCAG staff to contact local governmental jurisdictions at all levels, our sister planning agencies, transportation and environmental partners, councils of governments, and other appropriate public and private sector entities, to secure support in this effort and to specifically urge that they co-sign SCAG's letter;
- 3) Authorize targeted meetings between SCAG's elected officials, legislative affairs' staff, and lobbyist with state legislators to secure a 'fair share' distribution of these funds to the region.

BACKGROUND:

On November 7, 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B, The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, providing \$19.9 billion for transportation infrastructure improvements in California. Of these funds, Prop 1B provides \$2 billion to be allocated statewide from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. These funds must be allocated by the legislature.

In the fall of 2007, Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Administration directed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to adopt a program of goods movement priorities to enable the Administration to include a goods' movement allocation proposal in the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget. The CTC adopted its proposed Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) guidelines on November 27, 2007. The CTC proposes that an additional \$1 billion come from the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) and other potential new funding sources. The guidelines support a corridor-based programming approach to the TCIF with the following ranges:

Location	Low		High	
Los Angeles/Inland Empire Corridor	\$ 1.5	billion	\$ 1.7	billion
San Diego/International Border Corridor	\$ 250	million	\$ 400	million
San Francisco Bay/Central Valley Corridor	\$ 640	million	\$ 840	million
Imperial County/Other Corridors	\$ 60	million	\$ 80	million
Administration Fees	\$ 40	million	\$ 40	million
Totals	\$2,490,000,000		\$3,060,000,000	

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These preliminary allocation guidelines are based primarily on geographic balance, not demonstrated need. At the high end of the allocation range, the SCAG region stands to receive only approximately 56% of Proposition 1B goods movement funds despite compelling facts that over 80% of the state's containerized cargo travels through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and over 80% of Californians exposed to dangerous levels of diesel emissions created by the massive movement of goods reside in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura.

The CTC's November 27 proposed guidelines are not final. The adopted guidelines are non-binding and may be subject to change, and the CTC will hold a number of hearings on the guidelines with final adoption scheduled for April 10, 2008. Any Prop 1B goods movement funds must be allocated legislatively, either as part of the Administration's budget or through other implementing legislation.

In response to the CTC's proposed guidelines, on December 12, 2007, 25 Members of Congress from the region sent a letter to Secretary Bonner expressing strong disappointment in the guidelines promulgated by the CTC and the manner in which they were applied to arrive at such a fundamentally unfair distribution of these resources to the Southern California Region. The attached letter from SCAG is intended to send the same, unequivocal message from local government to state lawmakers that the Southern California region is entitled to a substantially increased share of these resources more proportionate to its level of goods movement burden and activity.


FISCAL IMPACT:

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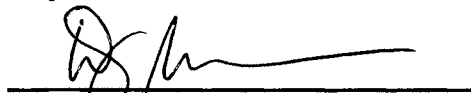
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February 7, 2008

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Southern California Association of Governments - representing 187 cities, six counties, and over 18 million people - its regional transportation partners, and local elected officials from across the region join together in this request for you to take action to address the proposed, inequitable distribution of Proposition 1B goods movement bond funds to Southern California.

At issue is how the state will distribute a portion of bond proceeds from Prop 1B known as the Trade Corridor Investment Fund (TCIF), a \$2 billion program, together with approximately \$1 billion dollars from the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Account and other sources, for dedicated goods movement project funding throughout California.

On November 27th, 2007, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted preliminary allocation guidelines that are based primarily on geographic balance, not demonstrated need. The Southern California region - which bears the brunt of goods movement impacts - stands to receive only approximately 56% of Proposition 1B goods movement funds despite the fact that over 80% of the state's containerized cargo travels through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. In addition to the unbearable traffic congestion associated with this massive movement of goods through the region, our residents are also paying the price with their health. Over 80% of Californians exposed to dangerous levels of diesel emissions created by the massive movement of goods reside in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Ventura.

Fortunately, the CTC's action of November 27 is not the last word. The adopted guidelines are non-binding and may be subject to change. Recognition of this fact came in the form of a letter from 25 Members of Congress from the region to Department of Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Dale Bonner expressing strong disappointment in the guidelines promulgated by the CTC and the manner in which they were applied to arrive at such a fundamentally unfair distribution of these resources to the Southern California Region.

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These Members of Congress strongly urged reconsideration of the guidelines, and we ask that you join them in making the same request. Furthermore, any funding for the projects must be appropriated through the budget and legislative appropriations process. We respectfully ask for your help here as well. Simply put, these goods movement funds should be allocated on the basis of demonstrated need, not geopolitics, and in this regard the case for the Southern California region receiving a significantly greater share of funds more proportionate to its level of goods movement burden and activity is compelling.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and, if you would wish to discuss this issue any further, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Gary Ovitt
President
Supervisor, County of San Bernardino

Cc: Senator Don Perata, President pro Tem
Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez
Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero
Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman
Assembly Majority Floor Leader Karen Bass
Assembly Minority Floor Leader Michael Villines
Senator Alan Lowenthal, Chair, Senate Transportation & Housing
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Senator Tom Torlakson, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
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DATE: February 7, 2008

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)
Regional Council

FROM: Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Forecast

BACKGROUND:

This memorandum is being provided to inform SCAG's Regional Council as well as its three Policy Committees about recent developments related to the Growth Forecast included in the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan. As way of background, since early 2005, SCAG staff has been developing the Integrated Growth Forecast, a forecast which seeks to integrate regional transportation and housing planning, and describes how population, household, and employment growth in the next 30 years could be accommodated within the SCAG region. The Integrated Growth Forecast process has resulted in many accomplishments for SCAG thus far, including the following:

- Update of growth forecasts with most recent statistics;
- Extensive and on-going input and review by local jurisdictions/subregions;
- Integrated Growth Forecast/RHNA workshops in Fall 2006; and
- Completion of the 4th cycle RHNA Plan.

The Integrated Growth Forecast process has also led to the development of the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline Growth Forecast and the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast. The CEHD Committee has been providing direction to SCAG staff and consultant team regarding development of these forecasts, and on November 1, 2007, authorized the release of the 2008 RTP Draft Baseline and Policy Growth Forecasts for public review and comment.

On December 6, 2007, TCC released for public review and comment the entire Draft 2008 RTP. The Draft 2008 RTP is based upon the incorporation of the Draft Policy Growth Forecast. Recently, SCAG staff has received comments from some of SCAG's subregional partners questioning whether SCAG should follow this approach. At this time, SCAG staff is continuing to receive and analyze all comments regarding the Draft 2008 RTP. The final growth forecast recommendation could change based upon comments received during the public comment period and upon further analysis and consultation by staff as it prepares to finalize the 2008 RTP. However, staff finds it important to apprise the Regional Council and the Policy Committees of these recent developments in order to foster informed decision-making regarding the appropriate 2008 RTP Growth Forecast. Therefore, additional information regarding the Baseline Growth Forecast and Policy Growth Forecast is provided below.

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Staff also seeks to confirm what is legally required of SCAG with respect to the RTP growth forecast. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for an air quality non-attainment and maintenance area under the Clean Air Act, SCAG is required as part of its RTP update process to confirm the RTP's validity and consistency with current and "forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends and to extend the forecast period to at least a 20-year planning horizon." (Refer to 23 CFR 450.322(c) for additional information).

In updating the RTP, SCAG shall base the update on the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity. SCAG must approve the RTP contents and supporting analyses produced by a transportation plan update. (Refer to 23 CFR 450.322(e) for additional information). As further explained below, the Baseline Growth Forecast and the Policy Growth Forecast are both based upon the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity. Therefore, use of either the Baseline Growth Forecast or the Policy Growth Forecasts in the Final 2008 RTP approved by the Regional Council would meet the above requirements.

What is the Baseline Growth Forecast?

The Draft Baseline Growth Forecast for the 2008 RTP represents the most likely growth distribution based upon current growth projections provided to SCAG. As stated in the Draft 2008 RTP, "a baseline growth forecast is a snapshot of the most likely population and employment level in the future. It is a technical growth forecast ... [that] reflects historical trends, based on reasonable key technical assumptions, and existing and new approved local or regional projects. Specifically, the baseline growth forecast is a result of updating the 2004 RTP no-project growth forecasts with current demographic and economic trends, the latest land use changes, newly approved regionally significant projects, general plan or specific plan updates, and/or zoning revisions." (2008 Draft RTP, Integrated Growth Forecast and Regional Land Use Policies Report, page 7).

Development of the Baseline Growth Forecast includes incorporation of the following recent county input:

1. Imperial County: the 2035 consensus total population, household, and employment growth projections at Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) and city levels agreed upon by SCAG, IVAG, and Caltrans District 11.
2. Los Angeles County: the 2035 total population, household, and employment growth projections at census tract and city levels provided by subregions/cities.
3. Orange County: the Adopted 2006 OCP 2035 total housing and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels.
4. Riverside County: the 2006 RCP 2035 total population, household, and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels.
5. San Bernardino County: the 2035 household and employment projections at census tract, city, and county levels provided by SANBAG.
6. Ventura County: the 2035 total population, household, and employment growth projections at census tract and city levels provided by VCOG.

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In addition, this technical forecast at the regional level was presented to both SCAG's Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee and the Panel of Experts on various occasions to ensure technical consistency and integrity with major variables such as population, employment, household, and to build upon this bottom-up process by summing up all local/subregional projections.

According to the Baseline Growth Forecast, the SCAG region will add 5.9 million people to reach 24 million people by 2035. Supporting this population in 2035 will be a total of 10.3 million jobs in 2035 with 2.5 million new jobs. This level of population and job growth is expected to yield 2 million additional households in the region at an average of three persons per household. As noted in the Draft 2008 RTP, the substantial amount of projected growth will pose serious transportation and air quality challenges for the SCAG region.

What is the Draft Policy Growth Forecast for 2008 RTP?

While the Draft Baseline Growth Forecast incorporates a certain level of regional policy consideration, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast for 2008 RTP seeks to enhance the Baseline Growth Forecast by way of a redistribution of growth at the county, subregion, city, and TAZ level using key regional land use policies, strategies and principles so as to help address the serious transportation and air quality challenges facing the SCAG region.

As noted in the Draft 2008 RTP, "[the Baseline Growth Forecast] would yield a growth scenario very similar to the status quo, taking a somewhat 'business as usual' approach." (2008 Draft RTP, Integrated Growth Forecast and Regional Land Use Policies Report, page 11). In contrast, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast further advances SCAG's adopted Compass Blueprint land use policies, strategies and principles, and focuses on geographic specific locations with transportation/transit advantage, including the interaction between transit network and employment centers. The Policy Growth Forecast therefore represents primarily a shifting of land uses across counties and an intensification of land uses around transit centers and employment centers.

Specifically, the 2008 RTP Draft Policy Growth Forecast is based upon the following land use policies, strategies and principles as directed by CEHD in August 2007:

- Improving the localized balance between jobs and housing;
- Increasing potential transit ridership by focusing growth to transit supportive areas;
- Enhancing existing and emerging employment and residential centers;
- Shifting balance of new development from low-density single-family housing to mixed-use and higher density housing;
- Maintaining stable single-family areas;
- Minimizing new separate use commercial or residential development in outlying areas; and
- Minimizing very high density development in areas that are not effectively served by transit or are not within identified employment centers.

In addition to these growth strategies, the Draft Policy Growth Forecast also includes the results of research performed at a local scale during the last two years. The primary sources of this research include a series of demonstration projects whereby SCAG supported local planning initiatives, and a "reality check" process

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where SCAG's consultant team worked with seven cities to explore in depth, the relationship between their general plans, the RTP and results of recent and projected economic and demographic trends.

Air Quality Conformity

Transportation conformity is required under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to ensure that federally supported highway and transit project activities are consistent with, or "conform to," the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). In California, SIP development is a joint effort of the local air agencies and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) working with federal, state and local agencies, including MPOs such as SCAG. Conformity to the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Conformity regulations also require that the RTP "quantify and document the demographic and employment factors influencing expected transportation demand, including land use forecasts, in accordance with implementation plan provisions and the consultation requirements."

SCAG's conformity analysis demonstrates a positive finding for the Draft 2008 RTP. While this conformity analysis is based upon utilization of the Policy Growth Forecast and the transportation project list of the Draft Plan, staff finds that air quality conformity may also be achieved using the Baseline Growth Forecast. Staff continues to work on the conformity analysis, including conducting interagency consultation and responding to comments from interested parties. The formal conformity finding will be based upon the adopted RTP, including the adopted growth forecast for the 2008 RTP.

Next Steps

SCAG staff will continue to accept and assess all comments received regarding the Draft 2008 RTP until February 19, 2008. In March 2008, staff intends to apprise the CEHD Committee of comments received specifically related to the RTP Growth Forecast. At the same time, staff will also present options for CEHD to consider and approve regarding a final growth forecast recommendation for the 2008 RTP. To this effect, SCAG staff will recommend a growth forecast that represents a consensus vision consistent with previously-adopted SCAG regional policies. Based upon the direction of CEHD, staff will prepare the Final 2008 RTP which is scheduled for review and adoption by the Regional Council in April 2008.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Development of the Draft 2008 RTP Integrated Growth Forecast and transportation modeling assessment are adequately programmed and budgeted in following work elements of the FY 07-08 Budget:


- 08-055.SCGS1 Regional Growth Forecasting and Policy Analysis (Staff)
- 08-065.SCGS1 Compass Blueprint Implementation (Consultant)
- 08-065.SCGC1 Compass Blueprint Implementation (Staff)
- 08-070.SCGS1 Regional Transportation Modeling Support (Staff)

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